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SUBJECT:EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE: TEMPLE UNIVERSITY PROPOSAL

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1. TEMPLE UNIVERSITY HAS RESPONDED TO REFTEL A BY MAKING STRONG REQUEST THAT EMBASSY ATTEMPT ARRANGE FOR MINED TO RECEIVE VICE PRESIDENT SPIEGLER AND ASST. DEAN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SACKETT DURING WEEK OF FEB 23 FOR DISCUSSION EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES. TEMPLE IS VERY INTERESTED IN AND FULLY COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING LONG TERM EXCHANGE RELATIONSHIP WITH SOVIETS AND BELIEVES CONSIDERABLE TIME CAN BE SAVED BY FACE TO FACE DISCUSSIONS BEFORE FORMAL PROPOSAL IS MADE.

2. TEMPLE ENVISIONS IN-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING AS ONE POSSIBLE FOCAL POINT FOR EXCHANGES BUT IS READY TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS IN OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST TO SOVIETS. TEMPLE OFFICIALS EMPHASIZE THAT THEY WOULD EXPECT TO COVER ALL US COSTS FOR SOVIET EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS.

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3. REQUEST EMBASSY ATTEMPT ARRANGE MEETING WITH MINED FOR WEEK OF FEB 23. APPRECIATE THAT SOVIETS NOT EAGER RECEIVE SPIEGLER/SACKETT NOW, BUT BELIEVE TEMPLE'S THESIS THAT FACE TO FACE DISCUSSIONS OFFER BEST OPPORTUNITY TO GET EXCHANGE GOING SOON HAS MERIT. TEMPLE EMPHASIZES THAT IT IS PREPARED TO BE MOST FLEXIBLE IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE INTERESTING FOR SOVIETS BECAUSE IT BELIEVES LONG TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH USSR WILL BE VERY MUCH IN TEMPLE'S OWN INTEREST. SACKETT HAS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CU/EE DIRECTOR RICHMOND WILL FIND OPPORTUNITY SUPPORT TEMPLE VISIT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MINED. KISSINGER

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